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## **AOGA: President Obama’s move to ban offshore Arctic oil and gas activity ignores Alaskans’ support for resource development**

**ANCHORAGE** – Dec. 20, 2016- The Alaska Oil and Gas Association’s (AOGA) President & CEO Kara Moriarty released the following statement today in response to President Obama’s unilateral action to limit Arctic offshore oil and gas development:

“Today's announcement is a stunning example of hypocrisy from President Obama. In his announcement about the Bering Sea just last week, he claimed he was listening to Alaskans when he established the ‘climate resilience’ area. Then today, his announcement ignores the 76 percent of Alaskans who support resource development in the Arctic offshore, and 72 percent of Alaska Natives, who say local opinions should matter the most on this issue. It is foolish to believe the United States can have a strong, successful economy in the Arctic without oil and gas development.”

Link to the new poll showing widespread support among Alaskans, including Alaska Natives, for oil and gas development in the Arctic: [http://arcticenergycenter.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/Report\\_AEC\\_Alaska-Statewide\\_Final-update.pdf](http://arcticenergycenter.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/Report_AEC_Alaska-Statewide_Final-update.pdf)

AOGA is a professional trade association whose mission is to foster the long-term viability of the oil and gas industry in Alaska for the benefit of all Alaskans. More information about the organization can be found at [www.aoga.org](http://www.aoga.org), on Facebook (AlaskaOilAndGas), and twitter (@AOGA).

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